

Four vehicle collision Friday takes life of Hillsburgh teen

A four vehicle collision, in white out conditions, on Wellington Rd. 124 just north of Wellington Rd. 26 last Friday, Feb. 20 at about 3:50pm took the life of a 16-year-old Hillsburgh teen and seriously injured her brother, the car's driver, and a rear seat passenger. Others treated for minor injuries at Guelph General Hospital were from Erin, Everton and Acton.

Wellington OPP said their investigation showed a 2006 Ford Expedition was in the westbound lane of 124 waiting to turn into a private driveway. A 2007 Dodge van was eastbound towards this location, fol-

lowed by a 2008 Mazda Tribute.

Coming toward the area in blowing snow was a 2002 Mazda 626 travelling west. It struck the rear corner of the Ford, police said, and caused it to spin into the eastbound lanes where it was struck by the rear corner of the Expedition. This collision caused the car to spin into the eastbound lanes where it was struck on the driver's side by the Dodge van, which in turn was struck on the passenger side by the Mazda Tribute.

The four injured occupants of the 626 had to be extricated by the Hills-

burgh Fire Dept. A rear seat passenger, 16-year-old Shannon Cartwright was taken to Guelph General Hospital where she later succumbed to her injuries. The driver, her 18-year-old brother, Kyle Cartwright was taken to Guelph hospital and then transferred to Hamilton General Hospital in serious condition, police said.

Rear seat passenger, 14-year-old Carly McAree of Erin was taken to Guelph hospital where she was listed in stable but serious condition. Fourteen-year-old Stephanie Hall, a front seat passenger from Hillsburgh was

treated at hospital for minor injuries.

The Expedition's driver, Laila Johns, 36, of Acton was released from hospital with minor injuries. The van driver, Ian Vanderstam, 47, of Everton, his 10-year-old son and friend Jon Torres, 26, reported minor injuries.

The Mazda Tribute driver, Laurie Tothe-Parker, 33, of Acton had minor injuries and her infant daughter was unhurt.

Wellington OPP are asking anyone who witnessed the collision to call Constable Ron Smith at the OPP's Rockwood office at 519-856-1506.

Wellington O.P.P. Report

Drinking driving

On Sunday, Feb. 22 at about 12:25am Wellington OPP investigated the driver of a 2001 Pontiac Grand Prix found travelling on Wellington Road 125 at Wellington Road 124 of Erin Twp. Police spoke to the driver and found he had been drinking. The driver was administered a Roadside Screening Device test which resulted in a fail.

A 37-year-old Cambridge man has been charged with Over 80mgs and is scheduled to appear in Guelph court on March 30 to answer to the charge.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 at about 5:40pm Wellington OPP officers responded to a report of an auto that had gone off the roadway into the ditch, striking a tree, on the fifth Line of Guelph/Eramosa, north of Rockwood.

Officers found a 2005 Chevy Silverado pickup had left the roadway and struck a tree. Officers spoke to the driver and discovered he had been drinking, and the driver refused to provide police with a breath sample.

A 63-year-old man has been charged with Refuse Breath Sample. He is scheduled to appear in Guelph court on April 6 to answer to the charge.

Domestic dispute

On Wednesday, Feb. 18 at about 8:13pm OPP officers responded to a report of domestic dispute in an auto on the Eight Line of Erin Twp. Officers spoke with a 44-year-old female who reported being with her common-law husband, and driving back to the Shelburne area when they began arguing over directions.

The victim said she was punched by her husband and demanded to be let out of the car. He stopped and dropped her off on the side of the road and police were called. Officers located the 2008 Dodge car driving nearby and found

the driver had been drinking. He was administered a Roadside Screening Device test which resulted in a fail.

A 50-year-old Amaranth Twp. Man has been charged with Assault and Over 80mgs and is scheduled to appear in Guelph court on Feb. 19 for a Bail Hearing.

Stolen auto

At about 1:50pm on Saturday, Feb. 21 OPP officers attempted to stop a 2000 Chrysler found travelling on Wellington Road 51 in the area of Wellington Road 7. Police activated the emergency lights for the auto to stop and the driver ignored the officers' directions and continued to drive westbound on Wellington Road 51. The auto continued west and finally came to a stop near the intersection of Wellington Road 39, in Guelph-Eramosa Twp. Police checked and found the auto had been stolen the evening before from the Kitchener area. Upon arrest, the driver resisted, and police located a knife hidden in his jacket sleeve.

A 31-year-old Belwood area man faces charges of Dangerous Driving, Flight from Police, Theft of Auto, Resist Arrest, Possession of a Dangerous Weapon and breach of Probation under the Criminal Code of Canada. He also has been charged with Drive Motor Vehicle - No Licence under the Highway Traffic Act.

Speeders of Week

On Sunday, Feb. 15 at about 8:48pm Wellington OPP officer Constable Keith Robb was patrolling Highway 6, north of Wellington Road 17 monitoring traffic when he spotted a 2009 Pontiac G5 travelling south and caught on radar at a high clock of 141 km/h in the 80km/h zone.

A 23-year-old of Waterloo has been charged with Race a Motor Vehicle under the Highway Traffic Act.

EWCS NEWS

Free Tax Clinic: For low income families (income less than \$25,000) and individuals (income less than \$17,000), For information or to book and appointment for Wed, March 11 at the EWCS offices in Rockwood, Call Darci at 519-856-2113, and in Erin call Kelly at 519-833-9696

EWCS Food Bank is in need of juice, soda crackers, tea/coffee, granola bars, "Sidekicks", canned stew or chili. Please drop off these needed item at EWCS in Erin or Rockwood or in the food banks bins at local grocery stores.

Seniors Programs:

The Snerds offer free computer help to seniors in Erin/Hillsburgh.

Contact Sherri Plourde at 519-833-0087 for information.

Foot Care Clinic - March 17, 10 am - 4 pm. Centre 2000 EWCS Seniors room. Cost is \$20. Please bring your own towel. Call Sherri Plourde at 519-833-0087 to book your appointment.

Spring outings will soon be here - EWCS is planning another season of day trips with the first one in March when we're off to the Grand River Raceway and Slots in Elora. Details to follow soon.

Volunteers needed - For the New to You store on Saturday afternoons 1 pm to 4 pm Call Kelly 519-833-9696 ext 222

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program, we offer lots of programs for new born to pre-schoolers and their parents. Call Marlene MacNevin at 519-833-9696 ext 223

Ready, Set, Go - 8-week kindergarten readiness program designed exclusively for children entering Junior Kindergarten in September 2009. This beneficial program helps children with confidence and helps reduce anxiety while building comprehension, listening skills, following instructions, scissor skills and letter recognition. "Ready Set Go" is run by the staff of EWCS children's services, funded by Ontario Early Years and in cooperation with your area school. To enroll your child call Angela Mathers at 519-833-9696 ext. 227

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to the Township to be used at Rockmosa Community Centre.

Kathy Forbes was recognized for her volunteer participation in the Lions eye-testing program for young school children.

Mohammed, owner of the ESSO station on Alma St., and Kevin Kim, owner of the Whistle Stop on Main St., were recognized for helping with community events, such as Kim's donations of coffee and water during the Lions Community Clean-up. Daphne denDrijber was thanked for all the flower donations from Greenscape Nursery. Ian Clarke of Wellington Fireplace and Leisure was thanked for his support with the annual BBQ cook off, a major fundraising event for the Lions.

The Guelph Storm Trackers organization was thanked for working with the Lions in selling jerseys

to help raise funds. Nichol says that they raised enough money in the first half of the season to put a new roof on the pavilion at Rockmosa.

In appreciation for all their help and support, the Lions presented the Guelph/Eramosa Fire Department with six traffic signs, which alert drivers to give the right-of-way to vehicles with a flashing green light. These are volunteer fire fighters on their way to emergency calls.

The Wellington O.P.P. was presented with a new laptop computer, printer and accessories. They will be used by the on-site officer at Erin High School and for the P.A.C.T program (Police and Community Together), which is an eight-week course where the public can learn the how and why of police work.

Finally, the Lions thanked the Lioness Club for all their hard work in providing the dinner.

Lock it - or lose it

Wellington OPP respond almost daily to calls of items stolen from parked autos, at homes or parking areas, and they are urging residents to lock their vehicles up to keep items inside, out of sight.

From February 1 to 10 officers responded to nine incidents where items have been taken from parked autos. In all cases, there has been a common theme - items left in the open tempt would-be thieves.

Items taken over the 10 days included two pairs of designer sunglasses, three wallets, two purses, three navigation systems (GPS), two iPods, one Blackberry, camera, pair of binoculars, a jacket and a laptop computer, not mentioning numerous credit cards, bank cards, drivers' licences, health cards and SIN numbers.

Police are asking anyone who has information regarding this type of crime to contact Wellington OPP Rockwood office at 519-856-1506. If you wish to remain anonymous call crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip on-line at www.crimestoppers-wellington.com



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